The major reasons for the unsatisfactory performance of Bharat Refractories Limited are :— *

(1) under-utilisation in the Refractory Industry due to the projected steel capacity not having come up.

(2) due to the excess capacity in the refractory industry Sind sever competition the prices quoted by some of the smaller refractory manufacturers are lower th'an the prices prevalent in earlier years.

(3) increase in the cost of inputs like electricity, raw material etc.

Increase in the amount of depreciation and interest from Rs. 4.56 crores i,, 1982-83 to Rs. 8.70 crores in 1983-84 and Rs. 8.62 crores in 1984-85.

(e) The steps proposed to be taken to bring about improvements in the working of Bharat Refractories Limited are:—

(1) As the installed capacity of Bharat Refractories Limited is in excess of the demand, steps are being taken to increase the production of higher value refractories jn a phased manner so that capacity utilisation improves as well as the sales realisation.

(2) Bharat Refractories Limited is entering into foreign collaborations in order tc produce higher value added refractories to meet the emerging demands cf the steel plants.

(3) A provision has been made in the Seventh Five Year Plan for the modernisation of Bharat Refractories Limited.

इलाहाबाद में मेकफेरसन लेक और निबहरा रोड का पर्यटन स्थल के रूप में विकास किया जाना

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(क) क्या इलाहाबाद (उत्तर प्रदेश) में यमुना नदी के किनारे मेकफेरसन लेक तथा निबहरा रोड को पर्यटन स्थल बनाने का कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में योजनाओं का ब्यौरा क्या है तथा उन्हें कब तक लागू किये जाने की संभावना है?

संसदीय कार्य और पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री एच० के० एल० भगत): (क) जी, नहीं ।

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1678. SHRI S. W. DHABE.

PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA:

Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM be pleased to state;

(a) whether there is 'any proposal under Government's consideration to establish a tourist centre at Paunar, the abode of Acharya Vinobha Bhave;'

(b) whether Government are aware that a large number of visitors both Indian and foreign visit Paunar and Sevagram during the whole year and no adequate facilities exist there for their stay; and

(c) if so, what are the details of the proposal for the tourist centre at Paunar?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM (SHRI H.K.L. BHAGAT). (a) No such proposal has been received from the State Government for consideration of the Department of Tourism.

(b) and (q) The Department of Tourism has already provided accommodation with IOO beds at Sevagram at a cost of Rs. 16.04 lalchs dustog 1977—82.' The Maharashtra Tourism Development Corporation has provided Rs. 2.50 lakhs each for the development of a tourist complex at Sevagram and Paunar in the State Government's 7th Five Year Plan to meet the requirements of the visiting tourists.